DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know the nature of such instructions?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Sir, the whole question is under consideration and action will be taken very soon.

*Import duty on Ceylon Copra.*

335. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there has been recently a reduction of the import duty on Ceylon copra and oil by the Imperial Government; and

(*b*) what action did they take in the matter?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This and other allied questions are under consideration and correspondence with the Government of India.

*English High School, Parur.*

336. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have closed down the Malayalam Higher Classes conducted in the English High School, Parur; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons thereof?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The low strength did not justify the continuance of the classes.

*Medical inspection of schools in Kottayam district.*

337. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the conditions of service of the Assistant Surgeon in charge of medical inspection of schools in Kottayam district;

(*b*) the number of schools he has to inspect; and

(*c*) the number of times he has to visit those schools per year?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) The appointment is governed by the Travancore Service Regulations.

(*b*) Medical inspection of school children is now carried on in the taluks of Karthikapalli, Ambalapuzha, Vaikom, Shertala, Thodupuzha, Muvattupuzha, Kunnathunad and Parur. The Assistant Surgeon has to see that the Sub-Assistant Surgeons do the work properly and for that purpose has to visit as many schools as possible.

(*c*) No instruction has been issued on this point.

*Village Unions in the State.*

338. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Village Unions (constituted under the Village Unions Act) at work in the State at present;

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